(a) the areas in which Indo-Maldives joint collaborations have been set up; and

(b) the programme drawn up to expand trade relations between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a)There are at present no Joint Collaborations between the two countries.

(b) Under the bilateral Trade Agreement of 1981, India has offered to supply various essential commodities to the Maldives. At Economic and Technical Co-operation, held in New Delhi on March 2-3, 1992, it was agreed that an Indian Trade Exhibition would be held in 1992-93 to boost commercial and economic exchange Possibilities for joint collaboration in deep sea fishing, tourism and hotel industry and setting up of export- oriented units in Maldives were also identified.

Export of Gold and Silver Jewellery

3935. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the export of gold and silver jewellery;

(b) if so, the detaiis thereof and the countries to which export is being made; and

(c) the total amount of foreign exchange earned by exporting gold and silver jewellery during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government has notified various schemes to increase the export of gold and silver jewellery in the Current Import- Export Policy in Chapter XXI- Part II. The principal markets for gold ans silver jewellery and UAE, Kuwait, UK, Dubai and USA.

(c) The total amount of foreign exchange earned by exporting gold ans non-gold jewellery (including silver jewellery) during the last three years are as follows:

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Year	*Gold and non-gold jewellery (Including silver jewellery)*
1988-89	171.13
1989-90	296.44
1990-91	179.26
1991-92	379.26
(Apr-Jan)	523.91 (Prov.)

(Source: GJEPC)

Sanctioned Strength of Posts of Judges in High Courts

3936. SHRI DHARMABIKSHAM: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sanctioned posts of Judges and Additional Judge of High Courts particularly in Andhra Pradesh High Court as on date, Court- wise;

(b) the date since when these posts are vacant, Court- wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase its strength to meet the requirements for early disposal of pending cases in these Courts;

(d) the beak-up of existing Judges/

Addition Judges by made of appointment i.e. promotion from the bench or nomination from the Bar;

(e) the number of posts filed up during the year 1991; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (d) and (e). Statement I giving the requisite information is attached.

(b) Statement II giving the requisite information is attached

(c). Creation of 55 posts of permanent / Additional Judges in different High Courts has been agreed to.

(f) For filling up the vacancies of Judges in High Courts the process of consultation among the Constitutional authorities concerned has been expedited.

STATEMENT-I

S.No.	High Court	Sanctioned strength (Permanent/Additional	Judges in position (Permanet/Additional	Source of appointment		No. of appointments made in 1991
				Bar	Service	
1.	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Allahabad	70	68	48	20	12
2.	Andhra Pradesh	26	24	16	8	2
3.	Bombay	54	47	32	15	3
4.	Calcutta	46	36	24	12	–
5.	Delhi	30	26	17	9	6
6.	Gauhati	16	13	7	6	4
7.	Gujarat	30	28	18	10	–
8.	Himachal Pradesh	8	7	6	1	1
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	10	10	5	5	2
10.	Karnataka	30	24	15	9	3
11.	Kerala	24	20	12	8	1
12.	Madhya Pradesh	30	22	14	8	–

S.No.	High Court	Sanctioned strength (Permanent/Additional	Judges in position (Permanet/Additional	Source of appointment		No. of appointments made in 1991
				Bar	Service	
1.	2	3	4	5	6	7
13.	Madras	28	24	18	6	–
14.	Orissa	14	13	8	5	–
15.	Patna	35	32	22	10	7
16.	Punjab & Haryana	32	29	19	10	11
17.	Rajasthan	25	24	14	10	3
18.	Sikkim	3	2	–	2	–
	Total	511	449	295	154	55

STATEMENT-II

S. No.	High Court	Vacancies Permanent	Additional	Date from which these are lying vacant	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Allahabad	2	–	12.2.92 (P)	
				14.2.92 (p)	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	–	2	26.11.82 (A)	
				29.11.82 (A)	
3.	Bombay	2	5	30.12.90(A)	
				03.10.91 (A)	
				03.10.91 (A)	
				03.10.91 (A)	
				03.10.91 (A)	
				23.11.91 (P)	
				01.01.92 (P)	
4.	Calcutta	9	1	01.01.91 (P)	
				07.01.91 (P)	

S. No.	High Court	Vacancies Permanent	Additional	Date from which these are lying vacant	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
				18.03.91 (P)	
				25.04.91 (A)	
				01.07.91 (A)	
				12.11.91 (P)	
				09.01.92 (P)	
				10.01.92 (P)	
				12.01.92 (P)	
				01.03.92 (P)	
5.	Delhi	–	4	03.09.91 (A)	
				23.01.92 (A)	
				23.01.92 (A)	
				23.01.92 (A)	
6.	Gauhati	3	–	29.11.91 (P)	

S. No.	High Court	Vacancies Permanent	Additional	Date from which these are lying vacant	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
				01.02.92 (P)	
				01.03.92 (P)	
7.	Gujarat	2	–	07.10.91 (P)	
				19.2.92 (P)	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1	–	24.02.92 (P)	
9.	Jammu & Kashmi	–	–		
10.	Karnataka	4	2	05.08.91 (A)	
				05.08.91 (A)	
				10.10.91 (P)	
				02.11.91 (P)	
				08.12.91 (P)	
				12.01.92 (P)	
11.	Kerala	2	2	22.11.91 (A)	

S. No.	High Court	Vacancies Permanent	Additional	Date from which these are lying vacant	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
				22.11.91 (A)	
				08.12.91 (P)	
				23.01.92 (P)	
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4	4	27.07.90 (A)	
				27.0790 (A)	
				28.12.90 9A)	
				28.12.90 (A)	
				11.03.91 (P)	
				22.03.91 (P)	
				19.09.91 (P)	
				06.01.92 (P)	
13.	Madras	4	–	28.04.91 (P)	
				28.5.91 (P)	

S. No.	High Court	Vacancies Permanent	Additional	Date from which these are lying vacant	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6
				01.07.91 (P)	
				18.11.91 (P)	
14.	Orissa	1	–	03.12.91 (P)	
15.	Patna	3	–	01.01.92 (P)	
				03.01.92 (P)	
				03.01.92 (P)	
16.	Punjab and Haryana	3	–	05.08.91 (P)	
				07.10.91 (P)	
				08.11.91 (P)	
17.	Rajasthan	1	–	05.01.92 (P)	
18.	Sikkim	1	–	05.01.89 (P)	
	Total	42	20		